(b) if so, whether the said scheme is working satisfactorily; and

(c) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) No.

" (b) & (c) Does not arise."

SRI T. POTHA RAJU :—" I am really astonished to hear the reply given by the Hon. Minister. As far as my information and knowledge go, I know that the scheme had been taken up and partially completed. The Hon. Minister may take some time but I want a definite reply to my answer."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I invite the attention of the hon. Member to the latter part of his own question 'completed'."

Elementary school teachers under the Chittoor District Board.

* 1104 Q.—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding irregular payment of salaries and unjust transfers of elementary school teachers working under the Chittoor District Board; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" Will the Hon. Minister take this opportunity and see to it that the unjust transfers that are being made by the District Board President even now are put an end to? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" It has been reported that owing to administrative exigencies, the President of the District Board made certain transfers in anticipation of the approval of the District Educational Officer. Such transfers were then approved subsequently by the District Educational Officer."

Power of transfer of employees in the Medical Department.

* 1105 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state why and when the powers of the Director of Medical Services to order transfer of employees in the Medical Department within three years were withdrawn?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The powers of the Director of Medical Services to transfer employees of the Medical Department within a period of three years have not been withdrawn."